

CITT

CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

Village of Key Biscayne

Council Chambers

560 Crandon Boulevard

Key Biscayne

6 p.m.

Revised Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman
Miles Moss, P.E., Vice-Chairman
Henry Lee Givens
Susannah Troner
Hon. Linda Zilber

Harold Braynon, Jr.
Maureen O'Donnell
Hon. James Reeder
Theodore Wilde

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Bruce Libhaber
Maria Arista-Volsky

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER:

Pete Hernandez, P.E.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT
Patty David, OCITT
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT
David Tinder, PWD
Jamal Sexten, NAACP
Nestor Toledo, OCITT
Rachel Baum, Finance Director
Larry Lebowitz, Miami Herald
Thomas Marko, CMO
George Navarrete, Assistant Director, MDT
Robert Villar, Mayor's Office

Roosevelt Bradley, Director MDT
Lourdes Gomez, MDT
Mayra Bustamante, MDT
Maria Johnson
Joanna Santiago, OCITT
Ruben Arias, District 7
Albert Hernandez, Deputy
Director, MDT
Lyn Harris, MDT
John Prats, OCITT

ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Mr. Buoniconti, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Appreciation was extended to Mayor Robert Oldakowski and the Village Manager, Ms. Jacqueline Menendez for hosting the meeting at their City Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- MARCH 30, 2005

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

Mr. Wilde requested that the second to the last sentence on the first page be removed.

Mr. Reeder moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Jamal Sexton, Chairman of Economic Development for the NAACP, commented that he believes it should not be necessary to have an Affirmative Action or a Civil Rights Bill to ensure African Americans are getting a fair share of the monies being awarded through this Trust. Mr. Sexton stated that the NAACP would like to see that a fair amount of work awarded to minority contractors.

Mr. Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney, stated that since the North, East and West Corridors are Federally-funded it requires that a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program be in place. Mr. Libhaber further stated that this would apply to engineering contracts, including design throughout the contract itself. Assuming that the amount is a 25% goal, and then the contractor must issue 25% of the total value to DBEs. These DBEs must be registered and certified in Miami-Dade County. Mr. Libhaber continued to say that the contractors must be from a traditionally, underrepresented, discriminated against group, and the size of the company cannot be over a certain size. The majority of the Public Works contracts will not have federal funding. In that situation you will not have DBE goals, but there is a CSBE Program, a Community Small Business Enterprise Program that is race, gender and ethnicity neutral.

Mr. Givens requested that the Executive Director of the OCITT hold a conference with the NAACP and other similar groups throughout Miami-Dade County, to inform them of future business opportunities.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS WITH AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE OPTIONS TO RENEW ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER, SUB ITEM 1.1 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT'S (DPM) COMMODITIES AND SERVICES CONTRACT AWARDS FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Budget & Finance Committee)*

Mr. Braynon moved to approve Action Item 5A; seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

- B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SURTAX FUNDS FOR SMALL PURCHASE ORDERS USED BY MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) FOR PURCHASES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2005

Ms. Zilber moved to approve Action Item 5B; seconded by Ms. O'Donnell and carried without dissent.

- C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT), RECOGNIZING POSTHUMOUSLY THE HONORABLE WILLIAM LEHMAN FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESIDENTS

Mr. Reeder moved to approve Action Item 5C; seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

Mr. Reeder suggested that the document be modified to include all member signatures. Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 5C, as amended; seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent.

- D. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING FRANKLIN KELLY FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THIS TRUST AND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Reeder moved to approve Action Item 5D; seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

- E. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) AMEND THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) TO INCLUDE THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM (SURTAX) FUNDS FOR MIAMI DADE TRANSIT (MDT) SERVICES IN EXISTENCE AS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2002 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Two possibilities for a loan to cover the recent and projected deficit in existing services were available for consideration: Version A would be a loan to the County for MDT, to be repaid with interest from the General Fund to the Surtax Fund; Version B would be a loan bonded by a non-government commercial entity.

Mr. Moss moved that Version B be considered; seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

Chairman Buoniconti introduced the Mayor of Key Biscayne, the Honorable Robert Oldakowski. The Mayor stated that the Village of Key Biscayne was particularly proud of the project which has been presented to the CITT. The project consists of redesigning Crandon Boulevard. This roadway was designed in the seventies to move the most number of cars from Point A to Point B. This roadway is no longer suitable today with the growing population and the changing demographics. This redesign encompasses not only safety with new crosswalks, but also bus stations with stops all along the boulevard. Mayor Oldakowski applauded the Trust on the task ahead.

Mr. Buoniconti asked Ms. Baum to explain the item presented.

Ms. Rachel Baum, Finance Director, stated that the County is recommending an internal loan whereby the county would change the ordinance to increase the Maintenance of Effort to \$121.3 million increased by 3.5% annually. In return for this change in annual growth, the Manager is suggesting that from 2002 to 2005, whatever that deficiency has been which is about \$63,000,000 would be loaned from the sales tax to MDT. Ms. Baum further stated that in subsequent years, there will be a schedule of estimated deficiencies completed on an annual basis. In return, the general funds would be paid back to the sales tax fund with principal and interest payments. This will be an internal arrangement which will be disclosed in the financial statements, so that it would be open for everyone to view and analyze.

Mr. Libhaber stated that in the proposed amendment, if it were to apply to Version B, then it would read "the total amount of surtax funds used to support those MDT services in existence as of November 5, 2002, shall not exceed \$165,000,000. Surtax funds shall not be utilized to support those MDT services in existence as of November 5, 2002, after the expiration of the fiscal year 2014 – 2015."

Mr. Moss moved to approve Version B, with the amendment of the total bonded funds available to be \$165,000,000, extending beyond FY 2001 to FY 2015. Mr. Buoniconti seconded, and the motion failed with a vote of 5-4. Harold Braynon – nay; Marc Buoniconti – aye; Henry Givens – nay; Miles Moss – aye; Maureen O'Donnell – nay; James Reeder – nay; Susannah Troner – nay; Theodore Wilde – aye; Linda Zilber – aye.

Mr. Givens moved to approve Version A. Mr. Wilde moved an amendment to the motion that the amount be limited to \$150,000,000 through FY 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

Mr. Libhaber stated that in the proposed amendment, if it were to apply to Version A, then it would read "the total amount of surtax funds used to support those MDT services in existence as of November 5, 2002, shall not exceed \$150,000,000. Surtax funds shall not be utilized to support MDT services in existence as of November 5, 2002, after the expiration of the fiscal year 2012." The vote proceeded as follows: Harold Braynon – aye; Marc Buoniconti – nay; Henry Givens – aye; Miles Moss – aye; Maureen O'Donnell – aye; James Reeder – aye; Susannah Troner – aye; Theodore Wilde – aye; Linda Zilber – aye. The motion carried 8-1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON - MARC A. BUONICONTI

Ms. Markowitz, Executive Director, stated that the Resolution for the Financial Advisor was passed at the Regional Transportation Committee last month. Ms. Markowitz continued to state that it will be heard on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, by the Board of County Commissioners and if approved, it will be placed on the next Full Trust meeting on May 25, 2005.

COMPLIANCE & OVERSIGHT – HENRY LEE GIVENS

Mr. Givens requested an amended Public Involvement Plan (PIP) because of the way projects are being handled. Mr. Pete Hernandez, Deputy County Manager, stated that this item is going before the RTC on May 12, 2005. He further stated that the County Manager's Office is in total support of the PIP.

Mr. Givens added that there have been several companies not in compliance who have been issued a letter from Marsha Jackman's office, the Department of Business Development. Referencing the John Deere Company, Mr. Givens stated that a nationally syndicated radio host challenged this company, and this company is now actively seeking African Americans to become franchisees for its dealerships.

BUDGET & FINANCE – THEODORE WILDE

No Report.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS - HON. LINDA ZILBER

Advertising for the CITT was discussed. Ms. Zilber stated that the 90-Day Report would be circulated in the quarterly newsletter and should be circulated to all municipalities and *The Miami Herald*. Only municipal buses that receive money from the surtax have ads on the side of their bus stating that it was provided with PTP funds. The Waterborne Study that Mr. Moss requested will be presented at the Project Review Committee meeting in June. The next External Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 9 a.m.

PROJECT REVIEW – MILES MOSS

No Report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – NAN A. MARKOWITZ

No Report.

CITT 90-DAY QUARTERLY REPORT

Mr. Buoniconti stated that the 90-Day Report is out and has been either e-mailed or submitted to the Trust as well as delivered to the BCC. It is also available on the Website. Ms. Markowitz stated that Public Works Department provided an update on projects and is attached to the report.

Miami-Dade Transit PTP Transit Corridor Development Progress Report – (Informational Item)

Mr. Buoniconti requested a quick update on the Transit Corridor Development progress from Mr. George Navarrete, Assistant Director, MDT. Mr. Navarrete briefly discussed the project start-up of the North Corridor, which began on March 9, 2005. He further

stated that the MIC/Earlington Heights project would be issuing a Notice to Proceed to the company that will be doing the final design – URS. Previous Notice to Proceed had been given to the firm that is doing the preliminary engineering work on the East/West project. The Program Management Consultant Contract should be awarded by the Board in early May and will be submitted to the Trust in late May, so that the PMC can potentially be on board by early June.

Mr. Roosevelt Bradley congratulated Mr. George Navarrete on his promotion to Assistant Director of MDT. He also introduced the new Deputy Director of Construction and Engineering, Mr. Albert Hernandez.

Mr. Albert Hernandez stated that he was the Chairperson for the Pedestrian Overpass Committee and was concurrently responsible for the safety study being conducted between the US1 Corridor and Ponce de Leon Corridor. The first committee meeting was held on April 15, 2005, with MDT, PWD, FDOT, and the University of Miami and University of Miami students. Possible short-term solutions were discussed which included signage, installing barriers to channel pedestrians to the proper intersections and shuttle solutions increasing some of the routes at the University of Miami that cross US1.

Mr. Hernandez continued by stating that the long-term solution is the pedestrian overpass across US1 providing access to the University of Miami platform. The next meeting is May 20, 2005.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Reeder applauded MDT on their opening of the busway at S.W. 244 Street on April 23, 2005. Camaraderie was noted among the store owners offering food and beverages for the occasion. Mr. Bradley continued by saying that ridership on the busway has tripled.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Buoniconti announced that the next CITT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM***
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